

IN HONOR OF BOB CONNERS UPON
HIS RETIREMENT FROM 610-WTVN

HON. PATRICK J. TIBERI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 12, 2011

Mr. TIBERI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize Bob Connors upon his retirement from 610-WTVN Columbus.

The often transient nature of a career in radio remains a hard truth for those who choose this field. The industry sometimes forces these men and women to relocate to different stations and towns across the country. These individuals come and go, sometimes without developing a strong connection with a community. Over the years, however, one voice has remained a mainstay in Columbus, representing the pinnacle of morning radio hosting. As a proud central Ohioan and occasional guest on his show, I am deeply honored to show my sincere appreciation for one of the greatest radio hosts in this city's history, Bob Connors.

Bob came to Columbus from Pittsburgh over 40 years ago and since then has brought acclaim to and instilled pride in the central Ohio community. His morning show, Bob Connors in the Morning became one of the most popular shows in the area, attracting listeners from miles around. Known as the "Morning Monarch" for his longstanding service to the station, Bob eloquently presented national and local news, along with sports, weather and traffic reports.

For years he delivered the news to millions of citizens. His on-air disposition and the consistency of his presence made waking up to his voice a pleasurable morning routine for an entire generation. I fondly remember listening to his show when I was growing up and how honored I was each time I was asked to speak with him on-air.

While he has retired from hosting the show, Bob's legacy and uplifting presence will resonate throughout our community for years to come. I am proud to wish him the best of luck as he moves on to the next exciting phase in his life. He not only remains one of the city's most recognizable voices, he also is one of Columbus's favorite sons.

SYNTHETIC DRUG CONTROL ACT OF 2011

SPEECH OF

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 7, 2011

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to oppose H.R. 1254, the "Synthetic Drug Control Act of 2011."

I share the concerns that supporters of this bill have about the sale of synthetic drugs that are determined to be harmful. The issue here is what process should be used to determine whether a drug is harmful and should be banned. I oppose this bill because it circumvents the established process for scheduling controlled substances as illegal for any uses without proper scientific review. This bill short-circuits that process and substitutes the less-informed judgment of Congress for the

more considered view of scientists and experts.

We already have a process for banning drugs temporarily on an emergency basis. Indeed, the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) has temporarily prohibited the sale or manufacture of many of the compounds banned in this bill as more in-depth scientific reviews are conducted. I also support Maryland's Department of Health and Mental Hygiene's decision to ban the sale of many of these drugs in the State. I believe that the temporary ban by the DEA and the State bans of these drugs are sufficient at this point to protect our society from the harms caused by these synthetic drugs. Congress should only act to add these drugs to the list of Schedule I controlled substances after the process laid out in the Controlled Substance Act is completed.

The process established in the Controlled Substance Act requires that the Attorney General request from the Secretary of Health and Human Services "a scientific and medical evaluation, and his recommendations, as to whether such drug or other substances should be so controlled. . . ." This process is important for many reasons and should not be circumvented by this bill. Without proper scientific review this bill could create significant hurdles for medical research of cures and treatments for various diseases. During the bill mark up in the Judiciary Committee, statements from medical researchers were submitted stating that this bill could hamper their ability to determine lawful uses of these substances by making them illegal to possess. R. Gil Kerlikowske, the Director of the Office of the National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), stated that these drugs are dangerous, but acknowledged that there is "a lack of sufficient data regarding the prevalence of bath salt stimulant drugs." Additionally, the penalties for possessing and distributing Schedule I drugs are serious. Adding over 35 additional substances to the list of Schedule I drugs, for which people can be incarcerated, should not be taken lightly by Congress.

I urge my colleagues to join me in opposing this bill.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JESSE L. JACKSON, JR.

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 12, 2011

Mr. JACKSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, on Thursday, December 8, I was unavoidably detained in Illinois attending to district/constituent matters and missed recorded votes for H. Res. 487, H.R. 1633, the Farm Dust Regulation Prevention Act, and H.R. 1254, the Synthetic Drug Control Act.

If I had been present, I would have recorded my vote as a nay for rollcall vote 902, nay for rollcall vote 903, nay for rollcall vote 904, and nay for rollcall vote 905.

As I have confirmed in a number of meetings and correspondence, I do not support efforts by the Environmental Protection Agency to regulate fine and coarse particulate matter or "farm dust". While the EPA exists to protect the health of Americans and the stability of our environment, I am concerned by overly burdensome regulations and the impact they have on our smaller businesses and family

farms. With that said, EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson has explicitly stated that she has no intention of revising any regulations on "farm dust". H.R. 1633 is another waste of the House's time and energy, as the clock continues to tick down on much more important issues like Unemployment Insurance and the payroll tax holiday.

For that reason, had I been present I would have recorded my vote as yea for rollcall vote 906, yea for rollcall vote 907, yea for rollcall vote 908, yea for rollcall vote 909, yea for rollcall vote 910, yea for rollcall vote 911 and nay for rollcall vote 912.

CONGRATULATORY REMARKS FOR OBTAINING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SANDY ADAMS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 12, 2011

Mrs. ADAMS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate Eric Thomas Pugnet for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

Throughout the history of the Boy Scouts of America, the rank of Eagle Scout has only been attained through dedication to concepts such as honor, duty, country and charity. By applying these concepts to daily life, Eric has proven his true and complete understanding of their meanings, and thereby deserves this honor.

I offer my congratulations on a job well done and best wishes for the future.

TRIBUTE TO FORMER PUBLIC PRINTER ROBERT W. HOUK

HON. JIM JORDAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 12, 2011

Mr. JORDAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of former Public Printer of the United States Robert W. Houk, who passed away unexpectedly on Sunday.

Mr. Houk, a Michigan native who later moved to Shelby, Ohio, was a graduate of Michigan State University and Wayne State University. He was a proud U.S. Army veteran, rising to the rank of first lieutenant after serving throughout Europe during World War II and serving stateside during the Korean Conflict.

The management and leadership skills he learned in the Army were put to good use during his long and impressive career in the business world. He worked for the Ford Motor Company and at Detroit's Rotary Manifold before cofounding UFORMA/Shelby Business Forms in 1966. For more than two decades, he served as UFORMA's president and chief executive officer.

Mr. Houk's leadership in the printing industry was widely recognized by his peers. He was tapped as chairman of the board of International Business Forms Industries in 1976 and as chairman of the Printing Industries of America in 1987. Business Forms and Systems magazine named him Man of the Year in 1980.

In 1990, President George H. W. Bush appointed Mr. Houk as the 22nd Public Printer of

the United States, a position he held until 1993. In that role, he oversaw the work of more than 3,000 Government Printing Office employees across the nation. He also earned a doctorate from Heidelberg University in Tiffin, Ohio, during his term as public printer.

Mr. Houk was very active in the Shelby community, chairing the boards of the Rehabilitation Center of North Central Ohio, the Mansfield Symphony Society, and The Ohio State University's Mansfield Campus. He also enjoyed playing trumpet in many area bands and was a charter member of the Ashland Area Community Concert Band.

Mr. Speaker, Robert Houk is survived by his wife, Sally; his son, Raymond; his daughter, Lisa; and their families. On behalf of the people of Ohio's Fourth Congressional District, I offer them my condolences as they gather in Shelby on Saturday to celebrate his life and his many contributions to the community and our nation.

**HONORING NATALA K. (TALLY)
HART UPON HER RETIREMENT
FROM THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY**

HON. PATRICK J. TIBERI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 12, 2011

Mr. TIBERI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize Natala K. (Tally) Hart upon her retirement from The Ohio State University.

Expressing how much Tally Hart has meant to The Ohio State University and the many students who have felt the impact of her unwavering commitment to higher education remains no easy task. As a graduate of Ohio State and an admirer of this remarkable person, it gives me great pleasure to add my personal appreciation.

For over three decades, Tally has dedicated herself to helping students achieve their dreams of attending college. After serving at various institutions around the country, in 1996 she was hired as Ohio State's Director of Financial Aid. In this position she gained national recognition for not only her unrivaled ability to obtain funding for students, but also the strength of her character and the sincerity of her efforts. In 2006 Tally was named Senior Advisor for Economic Access. In this role she was given the opportunity to lead a new program that allowed her to create programs that benefit thousands of disadvantaged students and make Ohio State a leader in college access and success initiatives.

Upon her retirement, Tally will leave behind a legacy that will permeate throughout central Ohio for years to come. Like fellow Buckeyes before her, she has become a beloved figure at our school. Through her selfless pursuits and deep passion for Ohio State, Tally has added greatly to the school's storied history and rich tradition.

While she is moving on to the next phase in her life, Tally will surely never stop doing what she loves: helping others. On behalf of the citizens of Ohio's 12th Congressional District, I would like to wish Tally the best of luck and thank her for her devotion to Ohio State.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GENE GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 12, 2011

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to state that I meant to vote "nay" on H.R. 1633, the Farm Dust Regulation Prevention Act, when it was considered on the House Floor on December 9, 2011.

I am strongly opposed to this unnecessary bill and voted "aye" by accident.

CONGRATULATING ALFRED UNIVERSITY UPON THE CELEBRATION OF ITS 175TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 12, 2011

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and recognize Alfred University, a major educational institution in my district which is celebrating its 175th anniversary this year. Their official commemoration and activities were held the week of December 5, 2011. I am honored to have the privilege of representing such a fine university that provides an excellent education to its 2000 undergraduate and 300 graduate students.

Alfred University was founded on December 5, 1836 by a group of Seventh Day Baptists who moved to the foothills of the Allegheny Mountains. The University is named for the ninth-century ruler of southern England, Alfred the Great, whose devotion to learning and literature is a legacy that the institution upholds to this day.

Alfred's commitment to academics is nationally known, with the Inamori School of Engineering consistently ranked top in the country for its Masters of Science degrees. Additionally, students at Alfred can choose between over 40 undergraduate majors to study.

As an alum, I can personally attest to the excellence of this institution and its world class academics.

Please join me in congratulating Alfred University in reaching this incredible milestone as it celebrates its 175th Anniversary.

REMEMBER PEARL

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 12, 2011

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, Remember Pearl "A Date Which Will Live in Infamy" in solemn remembrance of Pearl Harbor on the 70th anniversary, December 7, 1941. The following poem was authored by Albert Carey Caswell, who is a Capitol Building tourguide noted for his thoughtful and heartfelt tours for Wounded Warriors and his devotion to servicemembers, military families, and veterans.

REMEMBER PEARL

(By Albert Carey Caswell)

In every country's history . . .

There are but those defining moments that which so indeed!

That which define there very destinies!
As out into a future but plant such seeds!
To so define her and give her all that she so needs!

Remember Pearl . . .

That day that will live in Infamy!

As . . .

For as a Nation, we must all so remember . . .

That dark and dreary, very cold and bleak December . . .

When . . .

When there, on one beautiful Sunday morning . . .

As America so lie all in harms way and in ruin, so all without warning . . .

As it was seventy years ago this day . . .

All in a cowards way!

When, so very unexpectedly!

As "A Date Which Will Live In Infamy" . . .

Was but a calm before the storm, as they . . .

As they so tried to take America's very heart away . . .

As lies now so all etched in Infamy . . .

War! Pearl Harbor! The Devil's Creed!

Feeding Evil's needs!

When, so many heroes died indeed!

Bless them all, God Speed!

All in one of our Nation's darkest of all days . . .

As a Nation so slept, had they . . .

And so wept upon that day . . .

As out across the world, such an Evil so unfurled . . .

As this darkness all towards them so crept, towards our little boys and girls . . .

Goodness . . . Evil . . . Darkness . . . Light . . .

Those brave hearts who evil must fight!

Who but bring their light!

Who Evil must fight!

Would this Evil stand?

As it was nearly eight on that morning, when each woman, child, and man!

All without such warning, when a sleeping giant so awoke!

As from out of all of this heartache and such hell,

and scenes of horror . . . as all in their fine hearts what would dwell!

Such a story to our children tell!

One of Such Faith and Courage . . .

As America's heart grew stronger, all in what their fine souls so nourished!

While, against all odds . . . such darkness, could not discourage . . .

As somehow America so found the hope and courage!

All in how they so heroically behaved, and so fought and died on that day . . .

As out across a Nation, The Mothers Cried . . .

As over one thousand were so wounded, and twenty-five hundred heroes on that day so died!

And, still America would not so lose hope . . . for we all somehow survived!

All because of what, all within their most magnificent hearts so lie!

As from out of all of those ashes, death and fury . . . as was invoked such a story!

Came a Pearl, a gem so formed of which to all the world so spoke!

A story, all about America's Courage and Glory . . . and yes so hope!

For rising from out of such hell, all of their fine hearts so chose to swell!

As 18 ships were lost or crippled on that day, names like USS Arizona come to mind who were so sent to their watery graves . . .

As the waters now above gently caress their souls,

as deep below in these ships their sacred bodies hold!

As upon our knees, with tears in eyes for all of them we now so pray!